(b) The fee levied in the State is Rs. 5. Government are not aware of any reduction in fee in British India.

Applications for searches of copies in Registry Offices.

37. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

with regard to fees for search of entries in the Registration Volumes

(a) whether the term search does not connote that the person applying for the search is not in full possession of the particulars of the document he has in mind;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, does not the D. O. No. 62 of the Registration Manual work hardship on the parties;

(c) whether they are aware what the practice is in the sister State of Travancore and in British India in the case contemplated by the said D. O.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran —(a) Yes.

No complaint or report has yet been received by Government that the provision in D. O. 62 works hardship.

(b) In British India parties are given the option to note at foot of the application the year or years in which the search should be continued if the required entry be not found in the year mentioned in the application.

(c) The practice in Travancore is being ascertained.

Registration endorsements—need for change in procedure.

38. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that in the copying of the documents in the Register Volumes of the Registration Department the body of the document in certain cases extend to but one page of the volume and the endorsements go to about four pages?

(b) if so, whether this wasting away of the stationery cannot be reduced by allotting more space for endorsements in each page of the volume by drawing a black line in the middle of the page at the time of copying the document?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—(a) Yes.

(b) There is no order prohibiting the use of more space for endorsement by drawing a black line in the middle of the page at the time of copying the document and more space is being allotted in such cases for endorsement. Specific provision has been also made to that effect in the draft of the Revised Manual.

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